REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 23-29 were pending. Claims 23-29 were rejected. In this response, no claim has been canceled or amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 23-29 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,704,023. A terminal disclaimer has been submitted herein to overcome the rejections.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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